



If anyone serves, he or she should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 4:11b

### Stephen Ministers Are Called to Be Caregivers

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 1 Thessalonians 5:14b

### God is the Caregiver

Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you. Psalm 55:22a

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

## Stephen Ministry

*One-to-one Ministry by a trained caregiver*

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# WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?

Stephen Ministry is grounded in Jesus' command to love one another. Through one-to-one caring relationships, those who are hurting receive the love and care they need to support them.

- *Is life more than you can handle alone right now?*
- *Are your health, your attitude, or your relationships suffering?*
- *Are you adjusting to a new job, a change in marital status, a serious illness, the death of a loved one, a recent move?*
- *Would you like to have someone in your life who can help to share God's care and love with you?*

Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to care, to listen, to share God's love with you can help you get through the confusion, stress, or loneliness you may be experiencing.

# HOW DOES THE REFERRAL PROCESS WORK?

- A person — either you, a relative, or a friend — is hurting and in need of Christian care.
- The Stephen Ministry Referrals Coordinator learns about this need for care — from the pastor, the person, or a friend, always with the person's permission.
- The Referrals Coordinator meets with the person to talk about Stephen Ministry.
- With the person's permission, the Referrals Coordinator assigns a Stephen Minister to meet on a regular basis with the person.
- The Stephen Minister continues to provide distinctively Christian care for the person in strict confidentiality.

# WHAT IS A STEPHEN MINISTER

A Stephen Minister is...

- a child of God who walks beside a hurting person
- a caring Christian companion who listens
- a lay person who has received 40 hours of training in how to provide distinctively Christian care

A Stephen Minister is NOT...

- a counselor or therapist
- a problem-solver
- a casual visitor

Stephen Ministry helps meet the needs of individuals who are...

- hospitalized or terminally ill
- going through birth, adoption, miscarriage or infertility
- bereaved
- in a job crisis
- experiencing divorce or separation
- disabled or homebound
- lonely
- in a spiritual crisis
- looking for a caring Christian friend